

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A fluid treatment element housing system comprising a first housing member, a second housing member and ~~an~~ a plurality of interchangeable element mounting plate plates, said wherein the interchangeable mounting plate plates comprise at least a first mounting plate comprising one or more apertures each having a mount mount for releasably mounting a first type fluid treatment elements element thereon and a second mounting plate comprising one or more apertures each having a mount for releasably mounting a second type fluid treatment element thereon.

2. (currently amended) The housing system of claim 1, wherein the mounting plate plates with the fluid elements mounted thereon creates create a sealed environment between the interiors of the first and second housing members.

3. (currently amended) The housing system of claim 2, wherein said first housing member and said second housing member each comprise a closure flange and said mounting plate plates each comprise comprises a mounting flange for engagement between the closure flanges of the first and second housing members.

4. (currently amended) The housing system of claim 1, wherein the first said mounting plate is substantially flat and wherein the ~~filter~~ first type fluid treatment elements are inside-out filters extending downwardly into the first housing member.

5. (currently amended) The housing system of claim 1, wherein the second said mounting plate is substantially basket shaped and wherein the ~~filter~~ second type fluid treatment elements are outside-in filters extending upwardly in the first housing member.

6. (currently amended) The housing system of claim 1, wherein said second housing member extends upwardly to house ~~filter~~ fluid treatment elements therein.

7. (currently amended) The housing system of claim 6 ~~1~~, ~~further~~ wherein the first comprising two interchangeable mounting plate is plates, one associated with fluid treatment elements extending into the first housing member and the second mounting plate is ~~one~~ associated with fluid treatment elements extending into the second housing member, for housing filter elements in each ~~both of~~ the first and second housing members.

8. (currently amended) The housing system of claim 1, wherein said second housing member does not contain any ~~filter~~ fluid treatment elements.

9. (currently amended) The housing system of claim 1, wherein two mounting plates are used and the fluid treatment elements on the first mounting plate and on the second mounting plate extend into said first housing member ~~contains both inside-out and outside-in filter elements.~~

10. (currently amended) The housing system of claim 1, wherein the first housing member further comprises an inlet at the lower portion thereof cooperating with a conduit for directing the inflow through the mounting plate to a point above the mounting plate.

11. (original) The housing system of claim 10 wherein a conduit seal retainer maintains a seal between the conduit and the mounting plate.

12. (currently amended) The housing system of claim 5 further comprising a conduit extension for directing the fluid inflow to the area at the top of ~~the~~ said second housing member.

13. (new) The housing system of claim 1 wherein the first mounting plate and the second mounting plate can be used individually or collectively.

14. (new) The housing system of claim 1, wherein said second housing member comprises a plurality of interchangeable second housing members including at least a substantially flat second housing member which cannot house fluid filtration elements and a substantially domed second housing member which can house fluid treatment elements.